

REMARKS

Claims 43 and 45-58 are pending in this application.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 45-59 are objected to because of informalities. The informalities have been corrected. Thus, the objection has been addressed and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 43, 45-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ogdon et al.*, US Patent No. 6,161,137 (“Ogdon”) in view of *Trossen*, US Publication No. 2004/0128344 (“Trossen”) and further in view of *Weisman et al.*, US Publication No. 2002/0112058 (“Weisman”).

Independent claim 43 has been amended to call for:

providing the second computing device a control level comprising
_____ if a user of the second computing device is permitted to control the mouse
pointer of the presenter, providing an interactive control level;
_____ if the user of the second computing device is permitted to view the
presentations, providing a view control level

Support for the amendment may be found in paragraphs 0089 and 0090, at a minimum.

The improvement over the cited reference is that a user of the second computing device may be able to view the presentation or the user of the second computing device may be able to have interactive control of the second computing device. This claim

element is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Thus, the rejection has been addressed, should be withdrawn and the claims should be allowed.

Further, this additional claim limitation provides an added benefit over the cited references. The second user may also be granted interactive control, such as the user being able to control the mouse on a display. In this way, the presentation is truly interactive and more meaningful. No longer would a user have to physically move to the first computing device to control a presentation. Control may now be granted electronically. In addition, if a question arises during a presentation, a member of the audience may be granted permission to use the mouse on the presentation to interactively answer the question. The uses of the claimed system are virtually limitless.

As a result, the system will be more efficient than the systems described in the cited references. Control of the presentation may be passed through a variety of users electronically, allowing multiple users to contribute to a presentation without having to have the numerous users crowd around a single computer. Better presentations and a more useful and efficient tool are a likely result.

DEPENDANT CLAIMS

As elements are missing in the cited references from the independent claims, these same elements are missing from the dependant claims, meaning the dependent claims are not obvious as an element in all the claims is not disclosed in the cited references.

In addition, the dependant claims are not just dependant on the independent claim, but are dependant in a cascading fashion, resulting in the dependent claims becoming progressively more narrow and specific, making it even more unlikely that all the claims are anticipated or obvious. As the elements in the claims are missing from the cited references, the claims should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and arguments, the applicants submit the pending application is in condition for allowance and an early action so indicating is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30835/306544 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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